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12 November 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Manufacturing and Services Division, ORR

25X1 ATTENTION : [REDACTED]  
THROUGH : Chief, Requirements Branch, Reconnaissance Group, CGS  
FROM : Chief, CIA/PID (NPIC)  
SUBJECT : Wu-han Arsenal Complex, China  
REFERENCE : (1) ORR Requirement No. C-RR3-80,522  
(2) CIA/PID Project No. C 1414-63

1. This memorandum is in answer to the above referenced requirement regarding the Wu-han Arsenal Complex.

2. A thorough search of all available photography, in conjunction with collateral source material, revealed that only one facility out of the entire complex could be identified as an arsenal-type installation. This arsenal is located on the south bank of the Han River at a point 5 km west of its confluence with the Yang-tze River. The ammunition storage area supporting this plant is located in a hill approximately one km southeast of the arsenal proper. Several forge and foundry type buildings, numerous assembly and warehouse/shipping buildings, a possible shell loading building and a possible military headquarters are present within the confines of this installation. A rail spur on a causeway built into a body of water immediately to the south of the plant was not present on 1945 coverage but was noted on [REDACTED] 25  
[REDACTED] There has been little change in the appearance of this  
25X1 arsenal between [REDACTED] except comouflage,  
25X1 in the form of trees planted along the service roads of the ammunition storage area, to obscure the road pattern from aerial surveillance. There is also evidence that the water areas on the south side of the plant are being reclaimed.

25X1 3. The photo analyst on this requirement was [REDACTED] who can  
25 be contacted directly on extension [REDACTED] should there be any questions regarding  
25 this facility. This requirement is considered complete.

ENCLOSURE:

1 Annotated Enlargement (CIA/PID/IB-P-668/63)



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